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COMMITTEE (09.00) AND WORKING GROUPS (09.01 AND 09.02)

PLEASE HAVE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER
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DR. BORIS A RUNOV

CHAIRMAN, SOVIET SIDE

US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE

DEAR BORIS:

YOUR MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND THE SOVIET INTEREST IS
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APPRECIATED IN THE UPCOMING JOINT COMMITTEE AND RELATED

WORKING GROUP MEETINGS FOR OUR AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND A GOOD TIME FOR THESE MEETINGS IN THE REST OF 1976, AND THE ONLY DATES THAT WE CAN PROPOSE ARE NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 10. EVEN THESE DATES WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING ORDER: ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND INFORMATION WORKING GROUP, NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1 AND 2; RESERACH AND TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP, DECEMBER 3, 6 AND 7; AND JOINT COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 8-10.

EARLIER WE HAD BEEN THINKING THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO HOLD THESE MEETINGS IN JANUARY. IN ADDITION TO THE PROBLEM OF TRYING TO FIT DATES INTO OUR MEMBERS' SCHEDULES, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR OUR SECRETARIAT TO ASSIST WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETINGS WHILE SOVIET TEAMS TO THE US STILL ARE BEING PROGRAMMED (THROUGH MID-DECEMBER).

AFTER THE DATES ARE AGREED, WE WILL PROPOSE AN AGENDA FOR EACH OF THESE MEETINGS. THE FOREMOST ISSUE THAT WE INTEND TO BRING TO THESE MEETINGS IS THE TIMING AND CONTENT OF RESPONSES BY BOTH SIDES TO PROGRAMS REQUESTED FOR VISITING TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS. THE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THIS AREA IN 1976 CAUSE US TO BELIEVE THAT ADEQUATE SETTLEMENT OF THIS VERY BASIC MATTER IS FUNDAMENTAL TO FUTURE SUCCESS OF THE AGREEMENT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR RESPONSE TO THESE PROPOSED DATES.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD E. BELL
CHAIRMAN, US SIDE
US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE

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